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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/31/07

SPONSOR     Komadina     LAST UPDATED                      HB                     

SHORT TITLE     Quality of Life For Persons with Disabilities     SB     333    

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$500.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Governor's Commission on Disability (GCD)

Public Education Department (PED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 333 appropriates \$500 thousand from the general fund to the Governor's Commission on Disability to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities and promote public awareness about disabilities in the public schools.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$500 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of Fiscal Year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Governor's Commission on Disability relates the following.

A previous year for quality of life issues funded several programs.

These initiatives include:

- A quality of life grant program awarding over \$200.0 to fifteen nonprofit agencies and organizations around the state. There were over 80 applications for funding and \$1,300.0 in requests.
- Established a clearinghouse of disability related programs. This will allow individuals with disabilities to have a central resource to find disability organizations in New Mexico;
- Support the Southwest Conference on Disability. This is the only cross disability conference in the nation which focuses disability from the social, cultural model as oppose to an academic or medical perspective. Attendees at the conference include people with disabilities, family members, service providers, researchers and other interested parties. The conference was held October 4-6, 2006 and was the most successful conference to date. There were approximately 600 attendees from 24 states and 3 countries. Over 140 New Mexicans with disabilities were provided full scholarships. Governor Bill Richardson, U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman, and Speaker of the House Ben Lujan spoke at the conference giving their support of disability issues.;
- Support the John Hopkins Institute symposium on paralysis in conjunction with UNM;
- Organize a symposium to define quality of life from a disability perspective. Most quality of life definitions are based on people without disabilities. Quality of life differs for different people and different disabilities. This is a symposium to focus on a quality of life perspective for people with disabilities in New Mexico.

This appropriation is for similar projects and will include a program to visit schools throughout New Mexico and promote awareness about disabilities.

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